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| In the matter of: |) | Docket No. 09-OII-1 |
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| Order Instituting Informational Proceeding |) | NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING |
| American Recovery and Reinvestment Act |) | RE: Adoption of Program |
| | | Guidelines |

Consideration to Adopt the California's State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

10 a.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Note: Audio from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet using our WebEx Internet Conferencing System. For details on how to access the meeting electronically, please see the meeting agenda that will be posted online at:

www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/

The meeting agenda and WebEx log-in instructions
will be posted before the meeting date.

As part of the December 16, 2009, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the *California's State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines* (Guidelines). These *Guidelines* were developed to help implement and administer rebates for specific energy efficient appliances under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. A public workshop to discuss these *Guidelines* is scheduled for November 19, 2009. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has allocated to the Energy Commission \$35.2 million in ARRA funds to implement a State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP) for California that will provide rebates to encourage the replacement of inefficient residential appliances with new energy efficient residential appliances.

As specified in DOE's SEEARP Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0000119), U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia ("states") are eligible to receive formula-based grants to support state specific residential appliance rebate programs. Each state may determine the scope of its program, including which appliance categories to include and the rebate amounts that will be provided. States may use federal funds to pay for the rebates and up to 50 percent of the program administrative costs.

The Energy Commission's proposed *Guidelines* for the SEEARP will establish the eligibility and procedural requirements to award program funds as rebates to qualifying residential consumers. The adoption of the *Guidelines* is exempt from the formal rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act (Pub. Resources Code Section 25462(a)). The *Guidelines* focus on the Energy Commission's implementation of the SEEARP, program eligibility requirements and limitations, available funding, evaluation criteria, and administrative procedures. The *Guidelines*, environmental assessment, and additional information about the proposed SEEARP are available at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/energystar.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/energystar.html).

Hard copies of the *Guidelines* may be obtained by contacting:

California Energy Commission
ARRA - SEEARP
1516 Ninth Street, MS-25
Sacramento, CA 95814
E-mail: Appliances@energy.state.ca.us

Written Comments

Written comments on the *Guidelines* should be submitted by 5 p.m. on December 11, 2009. Please include the docket number (09-OII-1) and indicate ARRA -SEEARP in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us). **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the Guidelines will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Date: November 16, 2009

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